



NARFE Chapter 0002, Topeka, KS

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Meetings at Aldersgate Village in Wesley Hall

7220 SW Asbury Drive, Topeka, KS



**TO RESERVE
YOUR MEAL
FOR FRIDAY,
APR. 28TH
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SATURDAY,
APR. 22ND
THANK YOU.**

Lunch At Noon

**Roast Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
and Gravy
California Blend
Rolls
Beverage
Dessert
(Chef's Choice)**

Cost: \$9.00

**INVOCATION BY
Jo Burenheide**

**Cindy Miller
LPN
Outreach
Coordinator
ALZ ASSOC.
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ALZ**

APRIL 2017

From President Jim Miller's Desk snyderfan89@cox.net 478-0651

Prepare yourselves because I am jumping on the stump and preaching to the multitudes! For those readers/members who belong to NARFE and continue to belong, THANK YOU! AND CONGRATULATIONS! For those of you who do not belong and believe you have good solid reasoning for that decision, WAKE UP AND WISE UP! REASONS TO NOT BELONG INCLUDE: I can't afford it. BULL-FEATHERS! If you claimed the NARFE fought for and earned Kansas state income tax benefit on your income tax return, think of how you will get along if and when that benefit is taken away? Consider the expensive changes to our Health Benefit Plan, our annuities, to FERS. NARFE is at the forefront to protect those but national headquarters can't do it alone. Members of Congress can count and if we can't show a concerned and interested membership base? Draw your own conclusion. Reason #two: I belong to too many "clubs" already. (Perhaps the most hapless of the excuses) List on one hand those clubs you value more than your income who protect your retirement! Answer, NONE! Reason #three: I am simply too busy to involve myself with NARFE. (I know that feeling well but we have a responsibility to prioritize.) NARFE is on the forefront of ALZHEIMERS Research and has been since 1985! Your chapter assists local charities when we are called on. The reasons to join and stay are many but arrive at the same conclusion. Where would we be without NARFE? Who will we turn to if and when NARFE folds? I will close with another thank you to your chapter officers. They keep the chapter going, difficult as it is. I look forward to greeting you on April 28!

From Legislative & Membership Chair, Ron Richey ronaldgrich@aol.com 234-4172

OPM warns of scams targeting federal annuitants. NARFE predicts a tough fight for fed pay/benefits on Trump's 2018 budget release.

On March 16, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a markup and ultimately approved the Postal Reform Act of 2017, H.R. 756, without addressing the concerns of the 76,000 postal retirees who would be forced to enroll in Medicare under the bill. NARFE opposes this bill.

In the March NARFE magazine on page 28 is an article about NARFE-PAC. We are in need of a volunteer to help monitor the activities of NARFE-PAC.

I have been monitoring the Kansas House and the Senate to see if they introduce bills to tax our retirement. April 7th is the first adjournment. On May 1st, the veto session begins. May 14th will mark the 90th calendar day of the 2017 session. If they do introduce bills to place taxes on our retirement income I will send out e-mails.

You can listen to the legislature and read about the bills at:

<http://www.kslegislature.org/li/>. We are in need of more volunteers to help monitor the activities of the Kansas Legislature.

In the last 4 months we have lost Shirley A Biller, Roger K Perry, Eleanor Rapp, Gary L Davis, and Rita J Best. We send sympathy and prayers to their families.

We would like to welcome our new members Barbara Keil, Georgia Abbott, Georgia Sirridge. Sixteen members have received a second renewal notice and three members have dropped their membership.

4/6/17 UPDATE: Flat tax bill did not pass and everything is back on the table.



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To make it easier to support us on AmazonSmile the Alzheimer's Association is now listed as 'Alzheimer's Association-National.'

**NARFE CHAPTER 0002 MINUTES
MARCH 24, 2017 - ALDERSGATE VILLAGE**

The meeting was called to order by **President Jim Miller** at 12:00 P.M.

Welcome, and Invocation was given by **Joanne Miller** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A \$9 meal was offered.

Program, Patricia Vega, BS from Valeo Behavioral Health Care - Patricia spoke about Mental Health services available through Valeo for citizens of Topeka. Valeo offers Crisis Service (Intake and Assessment, Crisis Intervention and Crisis Diversion), Residential Care for Mental Health Recovery, Case Management, Community Activities for Reaching Empowerment (CARE program), and Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment. If you or someone you know needs assistance in this area, please contact Valeo at 785/357-0580.

Members Report, Earlene Jirik – 32 members, 3 guests our speaker Patricia, Will Kastens and Kenny Hiltgen from Frankfort KS (who is thinking or transferring to Topeka) for a total of 35. Door prizes were given away for those in attendance. **Please contact Earlene to make or cancel any reservations for attending the monthly meetings by cutoff date.**

Secretary, Gwen Ketter – Reported on the upcoming State Convention. We have 12 delegates and 2 delegate-at-large planning to attend..

Treasurer, Ron Miller - BOH General Fund - \$3,038.30 and, Life Membership Savings account - \$1,200.99

Joanne Miller, Federation Alzheimer's Co-Chair/ Newsletter Editor – Read article about the progress in Alzheimer’s research. Newsletter deadline is April 2nd.

Sharon Rosenow, 1st Vice President – No Report

Richard Wike, 2nd Vice-President – Cindy Miller from the Topeka Alzheimer’s office will be our speaker for April.

Reports:

Jo Burenheide, Good Cheer – Get well cards were sent to Ulysses Wright and Dale Jirik. Sympathy Cards were sent the family of Betty Merryman who passed away 2/25/17.

She will be sending Get Well cards to Eldon Reed and Marge Roy. Keep Good Cheer Chair apprised of any info you find out about our members.

Ron Richey, Legislative Chair – Report listed in the newsletter.

New Business – None.

Next Executive Board Meeting – 9:30, Fri. March 31.

Next NARFE General Meeting – Noon, Fri. April 28.

Meeting Adjourned early due to a medical emergency of one of our members.

UPDATE – **Bill Miller is OK and following doctors orders.**

Respectfully submitted, Gwendolyn Ketter



**Saturday, April 29—9 AM—1 PM
ECYCLE Topeka Shawnee County
@ Kansas Expocentre**

**Bring your used, unused, working or not electronics for FREE RECYCLING.
EXCEPTION: Each CRT Monitors cost \$20 (cash only).**

TALK TO SUE WIKE & JOIN OUR TEAM

Saturday, June 10

Walk to End Alzheimer’s

@ Hummer Sports Park

8:00 Registration

9:00 Ceremony

9:15 Walk (1 mile or 2 miles)

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